

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 624

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Robert and Faye Dedman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1959, Robert Dedman and Faye Tribble were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Mrs. Dedman have been highly respected citizens of Wilson County and the Lebanon community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dedman was born William Robert Dedman to Dewey and Maggie Graves Dedman, and he spent his childhood living in the Woolen Mills row; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dedman was born Lois Faye Tribble to Rupert and Eunice Hudson Tribble, and she grew up "on the other side of the tracks" from her future husband; and

WHEREAS, several of their more memorable dates included dining at the Snow White Restaurant, visiting Winfree's Drive-In, and frequenting the Capitol Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dedman graduated from Lebanon High School in 1953 and became the first inductee to the Lebanon High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he went on to attend the University of Kentucky, where he played football under the direction of the legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant; he rendered sterling service as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, six years after Mr. Dedman graduated from Lebanon High School, Faye Tribble graduated from the same high school as a member of the class of 1959; during her high

school years, she was the Band Sweetheart, Miss Lebanon Jaycee, and a Majorette before going on to attend Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Faye Dedman were married at Highland Heights Church of Christ in Lebanon on a stormy Saturday night before leaving for a serene honeymoon spent fishing at Cedar Hill Lake, where they stayed in a sportsman's cabin; and

WHEREAS, Robert purchased Faye's wedding band and ring for \$132, both of which came with a lifetime guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the Dedmans purchased their first home on Eastland Avenue for \$7,000, wondering at the time how they could possibly make the payments; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable career, Robert Dedman was a highly respected employee of the American Linen Company, and he has demonstrated outstanding political leadership, standing as the City of Lebanon's first Purchasing Agent, City Councilman for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, the Wilson County Assessor of Property, and Senate Sergeant of Arms for the General Assembly; he currently serves with distinction as the Mayor of Wilson County and has never lost an election; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous worker herself, Faye Dedman has given of her time and many talents as a Bookkeeper with Southern Block and an employee of the City of Lebanon Public Works Department, Toshiba, and the Wilson County Finance Department; she has also served in the Wilson County Assessor of Property Office and continues to work part-time in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Dedmans are civic leaders with a commitment to improving the quality of life for those around them; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dedman is an active member of the Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, in which he received a Lifetime Member Award, the Lions Club, and the American Legion; Faye Dedman is active in the Kiwanis Club on the local, national, and international levels, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Democratic Women's Club, the Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, the Brooks House Board of Directors, Books to Birth, the Board of Trustees of Volunteer State Community College, the American Heart Association,

and the American Association of Retired Persons; she has also served as a Girl Scouts of America Scout Leader; and

WHEREAS, when they are not working or lending their expertise to civic organizations, the Dedmans have a wide variety of hobbies they enjoy every chance they get; Mr. Dedman's hobbies include golfing, fishing, and the outdoors, and Mrs. Dedman's hobbies include reading, traveling, being an animal enthusiast, and the outdoors, and they both enjoy watching their granddaughters' activities and ball games; and

WHEREAS, the Dedmans are the proud parents of Robbie Denise Dedman Farmer and Karen Faye Dedman and the grandparents of two grandchildren, Lindsay Denise Farmer and Lacey Paige Farmer, who affectionately refer to them as "GP" and "D"; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Dedmans' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and commend Robert and Faye Dedman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and offer our best wishes for their every continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.